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## WAXMAN URGES HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH TO POLISH CRISIS

In remarks clearly critical of President Reagan, Los Angeles Congressman Henry A. Waxman urged that American policy regarding Poland focus on human rights as well as East-West relations.

Waxman said,

"I am disturbed by the fact that the Administration seems to be obsessed with the question of possible Soviet intervention in the current Polish crisis. The President and his top aides have given the impression that what is taking place in Poland is acceptable to us so long as there is no Soviet participation.

"The United States should use its influence on behalf of the thousands of Solidarity officials, intellectuals, students, and rank and file factory workers who have been arrested since the proclamation of a state of national emergency. The brutal suppression of dissent is no more acceptable when it is carried out by Polish tyrants than it would be if carried out by Soviet occupation forces."

Waxman said he is certain that the nationwide wave of repression in Poland is being carried out "with the enthusiastic support, advice, and encouragement of the Soviet Union."

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